

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

2012 Rulemaking on)	Docket No. 12-AAER-2
Appliance Efficiency Regulations)	Order 12-0314-16
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ORDER INSTITUTING RULEMAKING PROCEEDING

I. PURPOSE OF THE PROCEEDING

The California Energy Commission ("Commission") hereby institutes a rulemaking proceeding, the purpose of which is to consider amendments to the Commission's Appliance Efficiency Regulations (Title 20, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 1601 - 1608). Specifically, the Commission will consider establishing efficiency standards, test procedures, marking & labeling requirements, and other regulations for a variety of appliances that consume a significant amount of energy or water. The ultimate goal of this rulemaking is the reduction of excessive energy and water consumption by regulated appliances in the state.

This action is taken under the authority of Public Resources Code Sections 25210, 25213, 25218(e), 25402(c)(1), and 25402.5, and Sections 1220 – 1225 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations.

II. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

At this time the Commission will not appoint a committee to preside over this rulemaking proceeding (pursuant to Public Resource Code section 25211); however the Commission reserves the right to appoint such a committee at a later date. Commission staff shall be responsible for taking all appropriate actions necessary to comply with all applicable legal requirements of the Public Resources Code, Administrative Procedure Act (APA), the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), etc. Staff will also ensure the timely submittal of all necessary rulemaking documents to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

III. SCOPE OF THE PROCEEDING

It is anticipated that this rulemaking will proceed in three phases and will cover the following categories of appliances and regulatory matters:

- Consumer electronics;
- Lighting;

- Water-using appliances and “white goods” (i.e., large household appliances formerly finished with white enamel, but now often colored, such as refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers, clothes dryers, dishwashers, and cooking ranges and ovens of different types);
- Updates and clarifications to existing standards; and
- Additional priority matters as determined by the Lead Commissioner.

The number and scope of the phases in this proceeding may be modified as needed and will follow one or more scoping workshops, with appropriate attention to staffing requirements and resources. The proposed phases and topics are shown in the table below:

Topic	Phase 1: Short Term (2nd Qtr 2012 – 2nd Qtr 2013)	Phase 2: Mid Term (2nd Qtr 2013 – 2nd Qtr 2014)	Phase 3: Long Term (2nd Qtr 2014 – 2nd Qtr 2015)
Consumer Electronics	Displays; Game consoles; Computers; Set-top boxes	Servers; Imaging equipment	Low power modes; Power factor
Lighting	Dimming ballasts; Multi-faceted reflector (MR) lamps; Light-emitting diode (LED) lamps	EISA exempt lamps; Lighting accessories; Outdoor lighting	Linear fluorescent fixtures;
Water and Other	Commercial clothes dryers; Toilets and urinals; Air filter labeling; Faucets; Amend pools and spas standards Water meters	Plug-in luminous signs; Irrigation equipment	Commercial dishwashers; Recirculation pumps; Refrigeration condensing units

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Commission encourages public participation, any person present at a hearing or workshop shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to make comments. Written comments are also welcome, please submit written comments to:

California Energy Commission - Docket Unit
Attn: Docket No. 12-AAER-2
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
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docket@energy.ca.gov

To assist the Commission in this effort, the following organizations (all of which have participated in previous proceedings) are requested to provide information as directed:

- National Electrical Manufacturers Association;

- Consumers Electronics Association;
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison (SCE), SEMPRA Energy (SDG&E), and others as identified;
- Natural Resources Defense Council;
- Collaborative Labeling and Appliance Standards Program; and
- Additional organizations as designated by the lead Commissioner.

In addition, the Commission encourages participation by representatives of the regulated industry for the purpose of contributing to the topics in this order.

Information will also be posted on the Commission's webpage: www.energy.ca.gov/appliances. Anyone who would like to participate in this proceeding, please register with the Commission's Rulemaking List Server at: www.energy.ca.gov/listservers (keyword: "Appliance Efficiency Standards"). All who are registered will receive automated email messages with information regarding hearings, workshops, and updated documents.

To foster public participation in these proceedings the Executive Director, in conjunction with their Public Adviser, shall ensure that information regarding this order and notices of hearings and workshops are distributed to all interested persons via the afore mentioned Rulemaking listserv and posted on the Commission's website. The Executive Director shall also ensure sufficient advance public notice prior to consideration or adoption of final regulations by the Commission.

For additional information, please contact the Commission's Public Adviser at (800) 822-6228, or via email at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretary to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on March 14, 2012.

AYE: Weisenmiller, Douglas, Peterman

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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Secretariat